

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application : R. Edward Winters

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For : LOW PROFILE EXPANDABLE HOOP SUPPORT

DEVICE FOR FLEXIBLE TUBES

Examiner : Cheryl L. Miller

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## **AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In the response to the Office Action mailed 15 November 2006 regarding the above-identified patent application, please amend the application as follows:

<u>In the claims</u>

Please amend the claims according to the following pages 2-6.

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THE HONORABLE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir.

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The following items checked below are applicable.

[ ] A Petition for Extension of Time for month is hereby made, under provisions of §1.136(a), and a check in the amount of \$0.00 is enclosed according to §1.17.

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[ ] Other:

[X] No additional claims fee is required. [ ] The filing fee has been calculated as shown below and a check in the amount of \$ .00 is enclosed.

(Col. Claims After	1) (Col.2) Highest No. Previously	(Col.3) Present Extra	SMALL ENTITY*** Rate Add'1 OI Fee	OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY R Rate Add'l Fee	
Amendment	Paid For	•			
TOTAL CLAIMS 18	MINUS *	= 0	X25 =   0	X50 \$	
INDEP. CLAIMS 3	MINUS **	= 0	x100 = \$0	X200 \$	
[ ] FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE					
DEPENDANT CLAIM	S PRESENTED		+180 \$ 0	+360 \$	
* Appl. Base TOTA	L = 20				
** Appl. Base INDE			TOTAL \$ 0	TOTAL \$	
*** Small Entity pr	eviously claim	ed			

- [x] In the event a Petition for Extension of Time is required by this paper and not otherwise provided, such Petition is hereby made and authorization is provided herewith to charge Deposit Account No. 13-2189 for the cost of such extension.
- [x] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees under 37 CFR 1.16 or 1.17 associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2189.

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